

GREATER HAPPINESS FOR 1947

Woman's Club Presents Cantata

Over 300 people enjoyed the Christmas Cantata presented last Sunday afternoon at the Michelson Memorial Church, sponsored by the Grayling Woman's Club.

Thirty young ladies formed the Junior Choir, while twenty-four adults formed the Senior Choir. The cantata opened with "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" by both the Junior and Senior choirs. Then followed "Praise and Glory" by both groups. Leo Koerper sang "The Lord's Prayer".

Mrs. Harold Jarmin, accompanied by the Male Chorus, presented "The Virginia Cradle Hymn". Thomas Stancil, accompanied by the Junior Choir, sang "The Prophecy". "Bethlehem", with Mrs. M. Forshee as soloist, and the Junior and Senior Choir was the next number in the cantata. Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. Harold Jarmin followed with "Come, Saviour, Come", "The Shepherds' Vision", with Mrs. Stanley Stealy, Mrs. Amy Gothro, Harold Jarmin and Dr. Leonard Allison, assisted by the Choir, followed. "Star of Bethlehem" by Mrs. Roy Milnes, Grover Cox and Leo Koerper, was next presented, followed by Howard Schmidt and the Choir with "Midnight Choir". Mrs. June Gross soloed "Holy Night" with the Male Choir, with Mrs. Roy Milnes and Leo Koerper in solo parts following with "The Wise Men".

The Junior Choir presented a Christmas number, followed by "Guiding Star" by the Ladies Choir with Mrs. June Gross as soloist. The Junior and Senior Choir together offered "The Hallelujah Chorus" with the recessional of "Silent Night" by the two groups ending the excellent program.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert directed the fine musical program and acted as pianist, with Mrs. Edward Martin as organist. The program was well received by those present, many of whom said that it was the finest Christmas Cantata they were ever fortunate enough to attend.

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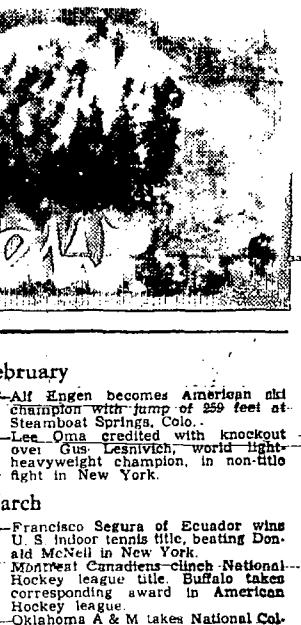
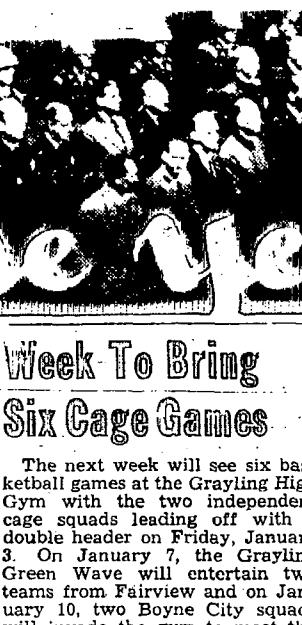
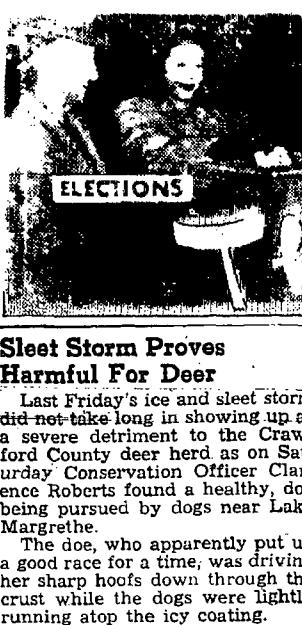
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Sleet Storm Proves Harmful For Deer

Last Friday's ice and sleet storm did not take long in showing up as a severe detriment to the Crawford County deer herd as on Saturday Conservation Officer Clarence Roberts found a healthy doe being pursued by dogs near Lake Margele.

The doe, who apparently put up a good race for a time, was driving her sharp hoofs down through the crust while the dogs were lightly running atop the icy coating.

It would make a complete and happy report if it could be written here that the doe was rescued from her predicament by Officer Roberts, even though it was necessary to shoot the poor animal, both of whose hams were nearly eaten away by the two dogs. Officer Roberts said the tortured doe was "bawling like a young calf" when he was able to get her. Needless to say both dogs were also dispatched to the happy hunting grounds, by the Department field man.

A Conservation officer is the only person under the law who has a right to shoot on sight a dog that is either running or tracking deer. Officer Roberts warned dog owners in the vicinity to not let their dogs run loose in the woods at this time as the deer do not have a chance against them and that if observed running deer they will be shot on sight.

Skyline Ski Area Now In Operation

The Skyline Ski Club, 5 miles south of Grayling, opened for the 1946 Winter season last weekend. They have two ski tows in operation again this year. They run in a tandem form and both are 500 feet in length. The club will be open for skiing all week long.

The only provision of operation is that at least five skiers must be on hand before the tows will be placed in operation.

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Lovells Notes

Mrs. Esther Gardopee returned from Flint Friday, after spending Christmas with her daughter and family, the Arthur Lakes.

Arthur Feldhauser spent Sunday at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott are spending the holidays with relatives in Detroit.

Piers Spaulding drove up from Harrison Sunday. The bad storm necessitated getting into their cabin with the aid of snow shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steckling spent Christmas day with relatives in Saginaw.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet with Mrs. C. Stillwagon on Saturday, January 4th, honoring Ruth Cald's birthday, who will be at home that day instead of on Wednesday. Potluck luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carroll spent Christmas holiday with the Charles Bigelow of Flint. Mr. Bigelow is the latter's son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haefka of Midland spent the past week in Lovells' guest of the Ray Dubys.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and children enjoyed being at the latter's parental home in Croswell, Mich., for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gayer and children spent Christmas with relatives in Port Huron.

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Week To Bring Six Cage Games

The next week will see six basketball games at the Grayling High Gym with the two independent cage squads leading off with a double header on Friday, January 3. On January 7, the Grayling Green Wave will entertain two teams from Fairview and on January 10, two Boyne City squads will invade the gym to meet the Wave in conference competition.

This Friday Sterling will be here to clash with the Grayling American Legion team while Spike's Keggers meet a powerful Bay City Defoe Boat squad. Little is known about Sterling other than last year they knocked the Keggers out of the West Branch tournament and are supposed to have a load of increased power this year.

The Bay City Defoe squad will bring two full teams here for their contest with the Keggers. At center, they will have Horan and Cotter Guards, Rupp, Gentle, McLehan and Jaskiewicz; Forwards, Hornack, Borucki, McPhail and Grotter. One of the centers is 6 foot 4 inches tall and has been playing up and down the west coast with service teams. Horan, the other center, and Hornack, one of the forwards, were both named on a Bay City all-city team just a few years ago while Borucki, one of the other forwards is a star in the high-scoring St. Stanislaus independent basketball for many years.

Both the Legion and the Keggers were eliminated in the Kalkaska Independent basketball tournament which turned out to be a sad affair due to the weather. The Legion was dropped in the first round by Kalkaska, while the Keggers advanced to the second round by defeating Kingsley. On Friday night after a hard job of driving to Kalkaska, the Keggers took the floor against the Gaylord Eagles who also had advanced to the second round. The severe sleet storm tore down some wires and the lights went out during the game. A Lake City team that had not finished their Thursday night game until 1:30 A. M. had also had a tough drive, quit the tourney at this point. Myron Burrows, the Keggers' manager, said that he called a Bay City sports writer, the Michigan High School Athletic Association at Lansing and a AAU district man at Grand Rapids in order to determine what procedure should be followed. All three sources told him the game should be re-played, he said. However, the tourney officials started the game over at the point where the lights blacked out. The Keggers, who were forced to play Friday night without the services of some of the best players who were held up by the weather, were behind at this point and Gaylord easily took the game. Kalkaska then defeated Gaylord for the title.

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Grayling Senior Prom A Gala Success

Nearly 200 people danced to and enjoyed the music of Jimmie Dobson's eleven-piece orchestra which played at the Senior prom, Saturday night, Dec. 28.

The gala affair was held in the Grayling High School Gym, beautifully decorated for the occasion in an "After Christmas" theme.

A huge fireplace, which was the center of attraction and also served as a background for the orchestra, reached halfway to the ceiling and was offset by a flicker light which illuminated the orchestra at intervals of a few seconds.

Large evergreen trees were placed on either side of the fireplace and all around the room. Poinsettias, red and green candles and stockings fastened to the gyn walls finished the effect.

Those who served on the decorating committee were: Phil Keway, Leslie Goss, Norma Parkinson, Harry Miller, Caroline Nelson, Iris Madson, Roseanne Kearnay. Ed Carlson was appointed chairman. The class as a whole decorated during the Christmas vacations.

The Grand March began at 11:45 and was led by Harry Miller, the Senior class president and his guest Miss Betty Ingalls.

Refreshments of coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and cake were served in the lower hall, which was also attractively decorated in the theme used for the gym. The refreshment committee was led by Phyllis Newell, who acted as chairman. Those who assisted her were Caroline Nelson, Roseanne Kearnay, Janice Goshorn, Donald Legg, Dick Grimstad, Sally Brady, Jean Rasmussen, Harry Miller and Phil Keway.

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Grayling Bowling League

Women's Division		
Team	W.	L. Pts.
Poraths	26	18 36
Dorets	27	18 36
Jarmin's	27	18 36
Long's	25	20 31
Sorenson's	21	24 28
Dawson's	20	25 25
Olson's	18	27 24
Hanson's	16	29 22

Erma Burth grabbed both single and series high for individuals during the week's matches with a 175 and a 497. The season's high single game is held by Clara Sorenson with a 199 while Erma holds the season high series with 522. The men's division of the league is now on a two week layoff over the holidays while the women elected to continue with their bowling.

Erma also leads the average list with 145. Fern Akers and Clara Sorenson are tied for second with 137 while Ann Carriaveau holds third with 136 and Margrethe Nielsen fourth with 135.

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ROCK WOOL INSULATION—Blown in, guaranteed not to settle. Makes a structure more comfortable both summer and winter. Apply Box B, Avalanche Office for further information.

RABBITS—Selling out. Reasonable. Giant New Zealand White, pedigreed stock, some up to 15 lb. Several good bucks. From \$1.50 up. Anton Johnson, first house East of Fish Hatchery.

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FOR SALE—1937 Buick, completely overhauled and new tires. Jack Millkin. Phone 3771.

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FOR SALE—38 Olds, 6 cylinder, 2 door, \$490. Model T Ford Truck \$5. Zenith car Radio \$15. Dodge Transmission \$20. Ford starter \$5. Ask for Fred at Gulf Service, City. 2

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TWO WHEEL TRAILER with rack for sale. Harold Duncan. Phone 3661. 2

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With the country still in depression and business dull, gloomy and afraid —

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With a world war imminent and in the face of rapidly rising costs of everything else —

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After a year of post war turmoil and in the face of the highest costs in history of everything we buy —

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For Us — No Rate Increases During the War

For You — Now — Substantial Rate Reductions

That, we feel, is PUBLIC SERVICE in the best tradition.

Only painstaking efficiency of operation coupled with carefully planned financing and experienced business management, during the past five hectic years, permitted us, earlier this year, to tentatively consider the possibility of general rate reductions.

Definite decision to lower our rates was not easy in view of the many disturbing uncertainties clouding the future's picture and in the face of the highest prices we have ever known for fuel, labor, and the many varied materials and supplies necessary for us to buy in this business.

However sufficient courage was finally summoned, and it was decided to go ahead with general rate reductions, in the hope and belief that our country will shortly settle down to full production and sensibly declining prices.

We believe that all of our customers will approve and commend our action as being a boost in the right direction — and if you do approve, we shall be happy to have you tell us so either in words or by continuing increased use of our service.

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(Applied for October 16, 1946 and authorized November 7, 1946 by Michigan Public Service Commission Order No. D-2927.)

Effective on bills rendered on and after January 1, 1947

Space does not permit, nor do we feel you would be greatly interested in a full presentation of all of the old as well as the new rates involved in the present reduction. Therefore only the new lower rates are shown herewith, in condensed form, together with mention of how they will save money, each and every month, for every customer in the several groups involved, excepting

Standard Residential Service Rate

Reference note:

Group I — means cities and towns of 500 or more customers.

Group II — means all other urban, rural and farm customers.

Group I	Group II
Kw-hrs used per month	Kw-hrs used per month
First 50	15 (or less)
Next 100	25
All additional	35

Monthly minimum bill \$2.50

to not — for off-peak water heating

(with 50¢ additional monthly minimum)

This will benefit every full residential customer who uses 100 kw-hrs or more 50¢ per month or at the rate of \$6.00 per year.

Full Residential Service Rate

This rate is available to all residential customers, everywhere on our lines, who uses an electric range of not less than 5 kw rating for the family cooking, along with lighting and other household uses.

For kw-hrs	kw-hrs use per month
to not	First 50
to not	Next 100
to not	All additional

Monthly minimum bill \$2.50

to not — for off-peak water heating

(with 50¢ additional monthly minimum)

This will benefit every full residential customer who uses 100 kw-hrs or more 50¢ per month or at the rate of \$6.00 per year.

only some of those customers who pay no more than the minimum charge.

The new rates are designed to provide the greatest benefit to those customers whose average monthly use is relatively small, thus encouraging smaller users to increase their use of our service and enjoy more of the benefits from the labor saving and comfort producing appliances and devices.

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Next 20	25
4½¢ each, next 20	35
2½¢ each, all additional	35

Group I —

Maximum customer benefit of 57¢ per monthly bill, or \$6.84 per year, is reached at 80 kw-hrs monthly use. Benefit declines, after that point, until 75 kw-hrs use is reached and thereafter remains constant at 27¢ per monthly bill.

Group II —

Maximum customer benefit of 78¢ per monthly bill, or \$8.76 per year, is reached at 70 kw-hrs monthly use. Benefit declines, after that point, until 65 kw-hrs use is reached and thereafter remains constant at 42½¢ per monthly bill.

Seasonal Resort Rate

(Same throughout Company service area)

Residential	Commercial
kw-hrs.	kw-hrs.
Per kw-hr.	per month
10¢ net	First 35
7¢ net	Next 35
5½¢ net	Additional

Seasonal minimum charges same as formerly

Residential —

Customer benefit will be 25¢ per monthly bill, or \$4.20 per year, at 70 kw-hrs of monthly use, and the amount of benefit will continue to increase by ¼¢ for each additional kw-hr, over 70, used per month.

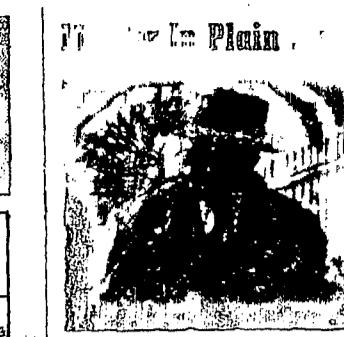
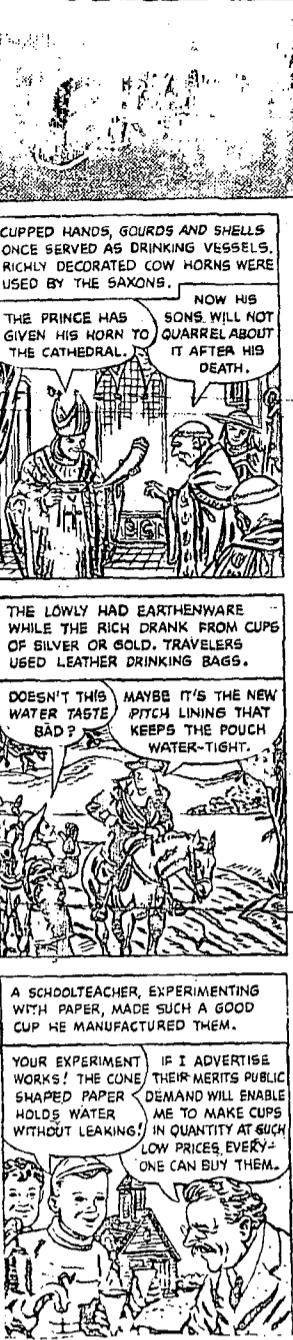
Commercial —

Customer benefit will be 40¢ per monthly bill at 40 kw-hrs of monthly use — then decline until 50 kw-hrs use is reached — then increase until the monthly benefit is again 40¢ at 100 kw-hrs of use, and remains constant thereafter.

The Company, and our entire personnel, extend most cordial Holiday Greetings to all our more than twenty-four thousand customers — everywhere.

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MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE CO.



SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I: Duke McCale establishes an enviable reputation as a private detective in Boston. He is consequently surprised and chagrined when Miss Adelaide Bigelow, wealthy old aristocrat, asks him to guard the presents during the festivities surrounding her niece's wedding. McCale accepts because he senses that Miss Bigelow is afraid of something more sinister than theft.

CHAPTER II: Next day Miss Bigelow shows McCale the rich presents. One attracts his attention. It is a deed to a modernistic mansion from Christopher Storm, noted architect. McCale then hears piano music. The music stops, and a tall, beautiful blonde woman appears. She is Mrs. Karen Bigelow.

CHAPTER III: Other members of the family arrive. McCale meets Mrs. Sybil Bigelow, the bride's mother. She is a heavy woman, richly dressed. With her are her children, Victoria, a vivacious girl, Stephen, staid and nervous, and Karen, the bride-to-be, a pretty red-haired girl. Christopher Storm, tall and athletic, is also in the party. Finally, Curt Vallaincourt, the bridegroom-to-be, comes in. He is a very big, extremely handsome man.

Everyone must have heard her say, "... But it's all right now, darling. All right. I'm so glad I was devastated."

Victoria's eyes were half-closed, mere pencil strokes in her Beardsley face, and Karen's only movement was the tapping of a carnation fingernail on the arm of her chair.

Curt kissed his fiancee. And then McCale knew. There was no acting in that kiss. This was no embrace in the thundering animal way of a Tarzan. This was not the selling power behind perfect merchandise.

In spite of the stories, in spite of the man's reputation, he was really in love with Veronica Bigelow. It was in his eyes. It was unmistakable. How could anyone in that room not know it?

Then the party broke up. It was after that that Victoria laughed derisively, and in passing Christopher said slyly, "You big, big fool! To give them The Nest. Don't tell me you wanted to."

Christopher smiled in a depressed manner, got up and took her arm. As they headed for the door, McCale heard him say, "Calm yourself, Vicki, my girl. To the victor belongs the spoils!"

"Rats," she answered. "You're a congenital idiot."

Adelaide Bigelow had been snuffing out candles here and there. She switched off a table lamp and came over to McCale, who stood in the firelight, a dark figure, sorting his impressions. The old furniture and trappings seemed to flicker and dissolve in the half-light. The fire pulsed in the grate.

"You won't need me tonight?" he asked, as if it were finished.

"No—I think not—" she faltered.

"Will you telephone me in the morning?"

"Of course."

"I shall need you," she said with emphasis. She looked older and more haggard in the gloom.

He nodded as she followed him to the door.

"I think I should have one of my operators on duty here tonight."

"Oh, no—it won't be at all necessary."

"—The wedding gifts." There was an oh-so-subtle tinge of sarcasm in his tone.

She smiled uncomfortably. "They'll be all right."

"Very well."

"He was outside, in the corridor."

"Mr. McCale."

"Yes."

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CHAPTER IV

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When Curt began to take his leave, he doled himself out. Stephen, treated like a brother, Storm as an affectionate friend. It was the women who bit at his heels most avidly. Miss Adelaide glowed, turned coy. Sybil shook herself out of the suits, simpered. Victoria looked at him hotly, and Karen's eyes kindled with an icy fire.

Veronica waited tolerantly, as if she could well afford to do so. He crossed to her finally in his negligently graceful stride. He took her hands in his big ones and, leaning over, whispered in her ear. She laid her bronze head against the massiveness of his chest for a moment.

Everyone must have heard her say, "... But it's all right now, darling. All right. I'm so glad I was devastated."

Victoria's eyes were half-closed, mere pencil strokes in her Beardsley face, and Karen's only movement was the tapping of a carnation fingernail on the arm of her chair.

Curt kissed his fiancee. And then McCale knew. There was no acting in that kiss. This was no embrace in the thundering animal way of a Tarzan. This was not the selling power behind perfect merchandise.

In spite of the stories, in spite of the man's reputation, he was really in love with Veronica Bigelow. It was in his eyes. It was unmistakable. How could anyone in that room not know it?

Then the party broke up. It was after that that Victoria laughed derisively, and in passing Christopher said slyly, "You big, big fool! To give them The Nest. Don't tell me you wanted to."

Christopher smiled in a depressed manner, got up and took her arm. As they headed for the door, McCale heard him say, "Calm yourself, Vicki, my girl. To the victor belongs the spoils!"

"Rats," she answered. "You're a congenital idiot."

Adelaide Bigelow had been snuffing out candles here and there. She switched off a table lamp and came over to McCale, who stood in the firelight, a dark figure, sorting his impressions. The old furniture and trappings seemed to flicker and dissolve in the half-light. The fire pulsed in the grate.

"You won't need me tonight?" he asked, as if it were finished.

"No—I think not—" she faltered.

"Will you telephone me in the morning?"

"Of course."

"I shall need you," she said with emphasis. She looked older and more haggard in the gloom.

He nodded as she followed him to the door.

"I think I should have one of my operators on duty here tonight."

"Oh, no—it won't be at all necessary."

"—The wedding gifts." There was an oh-so-subtle tinge of sarcasm in his tone.

She smiled uncomfortably. "They'll be all right."

"Very well."

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"Just like that?"

"Yeah. She had a wicked gleam in her eye when she sealed the note she left for you. I'll lay odds that she's up to some deviltry."

"No doubt. Well, I'll be seeing you in the morning. Don't let any of 'em rattle you. Be seeing you. Night, now."

The desk light was on in the outer office. In the small, round pool of light it threw lay a note from Ann Marriot reminding him that he was taking her to dinner. She had underlined the final word—dress.

"He knew what that forecasted. It meant 'The White Abbey: the season's socially renowned "saloon." Opened only a month before, it had caught on via its swank decor and high French cuisine. For two weeks now, Ann had been hounding him to take her there, but McCale's pet hate was dressing for dinner, so the matter had dragged along until she had pinned him down to this night. To forestall any further shilly-shallying on his part she had written that she couldn't be reached by telephone, and had instructed him to meet her there at nine.

He grunted, turned off the desk light, and went through the quiet inner office to his bedroom and bath at the back. He shaved and showered, dressing automatically, his mind busy in a treadmill of its own.

He went over the events of the afternoon, trying to docket his

"And so I am."

He lighted a cigarette and started to recount carefully the affair Bigelow as far as it went. He tried to make of it a series of pictures, in his own mind at least, like the slowly unwinding reel of a movie camera, ready to stop dead at any moment the scene went wrong or a gesture became significant. Ann heard him through to the end, a puzzled frown marring her features.

When he finally paused, she said, "No more."

"No more."

"So far as I can see from where we're sitting then, there isn't any mystery unless it's your Irish hunch."

"Have I ever been wrong?"

"Oh, you must have been, once or twice."

"But I swear there is something going on there—some deep trouble. I tell you, the whole family has the jumps. They're shaky, nervy—out of sorts. It sticks out like a sore thumb."

Ann selected a salted nut and bit into it with her strong white teeth. She said, an amused look in her eyes, "What sticks out is that the whole family is crazy about the gorgeous Curt. And he takes the one with the money. He must be quite a boy."

"I assure you he is. Can't you just see them all from my description? The old lady at wit's end; Sybil drowning something or other in sherry; Karen cold and lax, taking it out on the piano; Veronica dazed; Victoria cruel and fighting back; Stephen lost and floundering. Why—"

"Of course, darling. I see them all."

"But what do you think?"

"I think you're smitten with this Karen wench."

McCale roared. "Good Lord, are you jealous? Of me? Now, see here—"

"Of course I'm jealous, you wretch." She wagged a finger at him, then pointed. "And here, if I'm not mistaken, comes another member of our cast."

Lights went down suddenly and a girl stepped into the yellow oval of a spot. She was dressed in some silver business so cunningly draped that it turned her into a shimmering pillar. She had a wide raspberry mouth and dark brown hair with strange lights in it. The saxophone wailed and subsided to a moan. The drums were a tom-tom accompaniment. She stood perfectly still, a cigarette hanging from the corner of her mouth while she sang. Her voice was a husky contralto and she wrung the lyrics from the commonplace into the realm of the boudoir. It was top-notch old-school singing.

"Wow!" exclaimed McCale.

"That's showmanship. What were you saying, my pet, when Love Walked In?"

"That was Shari Lynn."

Year in Review

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May

13—President signs "stop-gap" draft extension bill
22—Emergency housing bill signed, providing 400 million dollars for building materials subsidies, a billion dollars for home mortgage loans, private and federal.

25—Railroad strike ends while President is asking congress for power to draft rail workers.

29—Coal strike settled with raise of 18% cents per hour, other benefits.

June

6—Fred Vinson appointed chief Justice of U. S.

29—President signs bill extending draft for nine months, age brackets 18-44.

30—Navy conducts first experiments at Bikini lagoon, atom bomb dropped on fleet of old vessels. Five ships sank, 48 damaged, while 3 are charged with dangerous radio-active rays.

July

1—OPA controls suspended.

11—National Farmers' Union president, James P. Farmer, says his organization has been "baited" by Truman.

15—British loan bill signed.

16—Draft calls restricted to 18-29 group.

18—Labor bureau's index goes up 25.2 per cent since July 1. Cattle sell at about high of \$25.75 a hundred pounds.

25—President "reluctantly" signs new OPA bill, calling it inadequate.

Atom bomb exploded under water in navy's tests, sinking 10 battleships, carrier, 5 submarines and 3 small craft, damaging others.

August

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1—President vetoes bill on ownership of tidelands oil fields; signs atomic energy control act.
2—Congressional organization bill signed by President.
3—Department of agriculture eases grain controls.
31—Senate war investigating committee's annual report urges preparedness for quick action.

September

1—Army forces grant terminal leave to enlisted men.
22—Henry Wallace forced to resign as secretary of commerce by President as aftermath of speech favoring Britain.

31—W. Averell Harriman, ambassador to Great Britain, appointed successor.

30—Secy. of Agriculture Clinton Anderson refuses to remove price ceilings from meat.

October

1—Marine engineers (CIO) and masters, mates and pilots (AFL) strike, tying up 11 ships.
11—Draft cancelled for rest of 1948.

14—Meat released from all controls by Presidential order.

17—Army announces all 1945 draftees will

21—Air Line Pilots Association calls strike of 1,000 TWA pilots, first of its kind; ask top salary of \$15,000.

23—President names David Lilienthal to head atomic energy commission of 10.

29—Masters and pilots end strike.

31—OPA closes 1,642 local price boards, as hundreds of items are freed.

November

1—President announces 48 Estonian refugees will not be deported.

5—Republicans sweep elections, win control of house and senate. Big city political organizations loose heavily. State governments off office throughout nation go to Republicans.

8—United States intends to retain control of former Japanese Islands won by American arms, U. S. assembly.

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CO—Restrictions on use of grain terminate.

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17—Senate approves liberalized canon on remarriage of divorced persons.

20—Coast guard seizes gambling ship anchored off Long Beach, Calif., to evade laws.

29—Wife of many hurt in race riot.

31—Actress Jennifer Holt marries Billy Blakewell.

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31—Martin Davey, 61, former congressman and governor of Ohio.

May

19—Booth Tarkington, 76, novelist and playwright.

25—John E. Erickson, 83, former senator and governor of Montana.

28—Sam Carter Glass, 88, long-time member of congress, once secretary of treasury.

June

12—Sen. John H. Bankhead, 73, member of Senate since 1930.

13—Edward Bowes, 72, showman, sponsor of amateur hour on radio.

22—Charles Butterworth, 46, comedian.

23—Howard H. Russell, 90, founder of Anti-Saloon league.

July

19—Sidney Hillman, 59, CIO union leader.

22—Arthur Gould, 82, former U. S. senator and governor of Maine.

27—Gertrude Stein, 72, author with unique experimental technique.

August

15—Col. Edward Bradley, 88, long associated with Kentucky Derby.

17—Channing Pollock, 68, essayist and playwright.

20—John M. (Ginger) Rogers, 41, film and stage comedian.

24—James C. McReynolds, 84, former U. S. Supreme court Justice.

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Mrs. Helen Routier of Detroit is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Margrethe Bauman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter, Peggy, were here to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babbitt and son, Howard, spent Christmas in Flint with their son, Arnold and family. On the way home they picked up their granddaughter, Diane Babbitt in Midland, who will visit them for while.

Get your ski boots grooved, sanded and patched and be all set for the Winter Sports Season, at Bill's Shoe Repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duncan and son, Tommy, spent Christmas with her family, Mr. and Mrs. George Steel in Roscommon. Mrs. Duncan is staying over for a visit.

We will be closed on Wednesday afternoons for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Anna Nielsen of Grand Rapids was here to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Julius Nielsen and sisters, Miss Margrethe and Miss Olga, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson and son, Peter, of Mancelona, spent Christmas with his parents, the Esbern Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strong spent the holidays with their son, Robert, and family.

Notice—Hospital Aid will meet Thursday, January 9, at the nurses' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conkling spent the holidays in Ohio and Indiana visiting their daughters and their families.

Myron Burrows was released from Mercy Hospital the day before Christmas. He had entered there the previous Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Middleton and son of Flint visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Welch, and sister and family, the Harold Hills, as did Mrs. Lefroy Harrod of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Freeman spent the holiday season with their daughter and family the Willard Cornells.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Reid spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Nell Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Madsen spent several days in Grand Rapids recently.

Mrs. Wm. Heric is spending some time in Plymouth, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sullivan returned to Grayling Thursday after spending Christmas in Detroit, where he purchased a new Army truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne J. Douglas of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, Sr.

Rev. Bertha Davis attended the wedding of her niece, Miss Doris Klinansmith in Pontiac on Saturday. Christmas day guests of Rev. Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Campbell, LeRoy, Bethlyn, Donny, Sally and Jack, Miss Doris Klinansmith, Bob Spring and family of Durand and the Floyd Davis family.

Pvt. James Payne returned to Fort Lewis, Washington on Wednesday of last week.

Pfc. John W. Payne of Selfridge Field arrived home Sunday, Dec. 22, with his honorable discharge from the Army.

Herbert and Clayton McDonnell spent two days in Detroit last week on business.

Ladies Aid of M. M. Church has been postponed from Jan. 3 till January 10. It will be a 1 o'clock potluck.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonnell attended a funeral in Fenton last week end, stopping off in Saginaw en route to see their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Holmgren.

Anker Hanson is home on a furlough from Alaska to visit his mother, Mrs. Marie Hanson.

The Royale Wrights spent Christmas in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner of Battle Creek spent the week end with the Don Weaver family.

Pvt. Ralph Rasmussen of the airborne troops stationed in New Jersey, spent Christmas with his parents, the Einer Rasmussens as did Betty and Shirley Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nelson now of Lansing.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson has returned to Saginaw accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Peter Robertson, who will stay indefinitely. Clarence Robertson spent Christmas with the Andersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lueke and daughter, Arlene, spent Christmas in Munising with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peterson and Pafty Jean.

Miss Irene Anthony was home from Grand Rapids to spend part of the holidays.

The Norman Mays returned to Erie, Penn., the day after Christmas.

Mrs. Gordon Chamberlain of Harrisville spent few days with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Hanson and family this week.

Christmas at the Fred Welsh's was a happy time with Tom and Gail Welsh home from Marquette, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stirling and children present from Saginaw. Miss Nelle Cary Welsh expected to be home for New Years. Other guests expected are Miss Barbara Miller of Alpena and Miss Avis Kaminsky of St. Ignace.

The Walter Mikesells have moved into their new home which is known as "The Owls Roost," above Wakeley Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wakeley daughter, Jill Ann and Bernard Fowler spent last week in Dunkirk, Ohio, at Mrs. Wakeley's sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richard had over the holidays their daughter, Marion and their son, Gordon, of Detroit.

Pvt. Dick Laurant who was here on furlough visiting his father, William Laurant, has left for the West Coast. Pfc. William Laurant, Jr., is stationed in Japan.

NOTICE—I will be at the Township hall to collect taxes on each Tuesday and Saturday including January 11. To avoid the 3% penalty, the tax should be paid before January 10. John Stephan, township collector.

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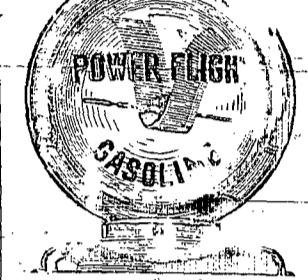
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Facing the New Year

Brings it's sobering

Thoughts too. We Remember with Sincere

Thanks Your Support and Patronage During the
Past Year.

BENNETT'S SERVICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

will be held the second Thursday of the month.

Mrs. Celia Granger had all her children and grandchildren with her for Christmas Day and dinner.

Christmas Program

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"It is Christmas," Deloris Sherman, recitation, "Christmas Carol," Jack Smith, recitation, "Closing," Shirley Rood, recitation, "Tommy Dunham."

France
14—Atomic energy commission meets for the first time. Baruch, U. S. delegate, says, "It is either world peace or world destruction."

15—Russia demands destruction of all atomic bombs and exchange of data

25—U.S. planes to check terror in Hitler's spiral.

30—Truce in Manchuria expires, fighting recommences.

July

4—Philippines republic proclaimed. President Truman pledges continued U. S. aid.

5—Soviet bomb beats 36 Jews to death, injures 40.

9—Philippine government battles Huk-

ahabah uprising, 200 killed.

15—Canadian officials find huge spy network operating from Russian em-

17—General Mihailovitch executed in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, as alleged traitor who collaborated with Nazis.

22—Revolt sweeps India, 200 killed.

23—Paris peace conference opens with 21 nations represented.

August

12—Unscheduled immigration of Jews into Palestine halted by British.

13—Turkish government rejects Russian proposal for joint defense of Black Sea.

19—U. S. demands Yugoslavia release army fliers forced down, and satisfies for deaths of five others shot down on August 19.

21—Mutiny among native troops in Neth

erlands Indies army assumes serious

proportions.

21—Spain closes border on French side

for insulation for similar action by France.

March

8—U. S. state department protests con-
tinued Russian occupation of Iran
and seizure of booty in Manchuria.

9—Stalin announces new five-year plan
for USSR.

11—Gen. General Honma, perpetrator of
Bataan "death march" sentenced to
death by U. S. military court.

22—Argentine President Peron accuses
U. S. embassy officials of espionage.

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April

7—Arrangements begin to place British
mandated Tannanyik, Tugland and the
Cameron, Ruanda-Urundi under U. N.
trusteeship.

14—All-out civil war rages in Manchuria
between Communist general says

Chinese Communists take over Harbin,
Manchuria, as Russians evacuate.

30—Plot to assassinate General Mac
Arthur uncovered in Japan.

May

19—Fighting breaks out in Iran, with cen-

tral government troops attacking
Russian-backed forces in Azerbaijan
province.

20—Secretary Byrnes, reporting on Paris
foreign ministers' conference, India
formally blames Russia for meager
accomplishments.

24—All Russian troops withdrawn from
Iran, say Soviet officials.

30—Arab league opposes further Jewish
immigration into Palestine.

June

1—U. S. security council reports Spain

a "potent" peace to peace" under

United Nations assembly adjourns

after choosing New York as permanent

headquarters.

November

5—"Cease-fire" order issued in Java and
Sumatra by Dutch, British and Indo-

nese.

12—Churchill charges Russians "on war

foot."

16—New members of U. N., Afghanistan

Iceland and Sweden, take seats.

24—French Communists make large
gains in elections.